

Chapter 2.36 Sangamon County Code of Ordinances

SPRINGFIELD-SANGAMON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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2.36.010 Region designated--Commission established--Purpose.

A. All territory in Sangamon County shall be and is hereby designated as the "Springfield-Sangamon County Region."

B. There is established the Springfield-Sangamon County regional planning commission to adopt a regional plan for said territory.
(Res. 3(part), October 6, 1987).

2.36.020 Membership--Term of office.

The regional planning commission shall be constituted as follows:

A. Commission Members. There is hereby created a seventeen-member Springfield-Sangamon County regional planning commission, the membership designated as follows:

1. Elected officials: Chairman, Sangamon County board; chairman of the planning, zoning, subdivision, environmental health and safety and animal control committee, Sangamon County board; chairman, finance committee, Sangamon County board; mayor of the city of Springfield; two aldermen of the city of Springfield nominated by the mayor and subject to confirmation by the city council;

2. Special districts: The chief presiding officer of the Springfield Park District, Springfield Airport Authority, Springfield Mass Transit District, Springfield Sanitary District, and Springfield School District No. 186;

3. Appointed citizens: Three citizen members appointed by the chairman of the county board, subject to confirmation by the county board, three citizen-appointed members of the Springfield planning and zoning commission appointed by the mayor of the city of Springfield, subject to confirmation by the city council.

B. Term of Office. The term of appointment to the commission of all elected officials and chief presiding officers shall be coterminous with the terms of their elected or appointed offices. The term of appointment to the commission of the three citizen members appointed by the chairman of the county board and the three citizen members appointed by the mayor of the city of Springfield shall be for four years. (Res. 3(part), October 6, 1987).

2.36.030 Compensation and removal.

All members of the commission shall serve without compensation. A member of the commission once appointed may only be removed under one or more of the following circumstances:

A. A member may be removed for cause by the appointing authority after a hearing before the appointing authority; and

B. A member is automatically disqualified and his seat is declared vacant upon his failure to continue to reside in the territory from which he was appointed. (Res. 3(part), October 6, 1987).

2.36.040 Alternate members--Selection and authority.

The elected officials and chief presiding officers may select an alternate representative who may serve in the absence of the elected officials or chief presiding officers they represent. When an elected official or chief presiding officer appoints an alternate representative, that person shall be considered a member of the commission and shall be subject to all of the rules and regulations of the commission. (Res. 3(part), October 6, 1987).

2.36.050 Rules and procedures--Election of officers--Meetings.

A. The commission shall adopt bylaws, including rules for the transaction of business, and shall keep a complete record of its functions and activities, which shall be a public record.

B. Officers. The commission shall elect a chairman, vice-chairman, and secretary. The officers shall be elected as determined by the adopted bylaws of the commission.

C. Meetings. The commission shall meet regularly as determined by the adopted bylaws, and in no event less than four times a year. All meetings shall be open to the public except as provided by law. (Res. 3(part), October 6, 1987).

2.36.060 Powers and duties.

The Springfield-Sangamon County regional planning commission shall have the powers, duties and functions as provided in the Illinois Regional Planning Act; and to further the means and methods of operation and functioning, the commission:

- A.** Shall prepare and recommend to the county board a regional plan, or functional segments thereof, looking to the present and future development of the region. Such regional plan may include recommendations for land use, circulation, future location of planned major streets in unsubdivided land, general location of public works, urban renewal, storm or floodwater runoff channels and basins, and other such problems and development relevant to regional planning. Such plan shall be known as the "Regional Plan for Sangamon County." The regional planning commission may thereafter, from time to time, recommend changes in such regional plan;
- B.** Shall prepare and recommend to the Sangamon County board, from time to time, plans for necessary and specific improvements in accordance with the regional plan;
- C.** Shall have access to information, reports and data relating to planning in the possession of departments of the county government;
- D.** May request for its information all municipal or other governmental agency plans, zoning ordinances, official maps, building codes, subdivision regulations, or amendments or revisions of any of them, as well as copies of the special reports dealing in whole or in part with planning matters;
- E.** Shall advise and consult with units of government concerning the relationship of any plans, projects, proposals and policies adopted or under consideration by any such unit of government to other plans, projects, proposals and policies applicable to the regional planning area;
- F.** Shall have authority to contract, with the concurrence of the Sangamon County board, with any unit of government, when a unit of government so desires, to provide specialized planning services with appropriate reimbursement;
- G.** Shall have authority, with concurrence of the Sangamon County board, to accept, receive and expend funds, grants and services from the federal government or its agencies, and from departments, agencies and instrumentalities of state and local governments. It shall have authority to provide such information and reports as it may deem necessary to secure financial aid;
- H.** Shall prepare an annual report and prepare and publish studies, reports and plans in conjunction with its work;
- I.** May acquire equipment and materials for its use and incur necessary expenses within the limits of its approved budget;

J. May enter land, or designate staff members who may enter upon land at reasonable times and in such manner as to cause no unnecessary injury, in order to make examinations and surveys related to regional planning;

K. Shall prepare any other plans for improvement of the region as may be requested of the commission at the time in accord with local, state and federal requirements;

L. Shall review federal and state funded programs affecting the Springfield-Sangamon County region in accordance with state and federal requirements;

M. Shall have the authority to enter into agreement with governmental agencies regarding planning programs.
(Res. 3(part), October 6, 1987).

2.36.070 Additional powers--Reports on documents.

The regional planning commission shall serve in a general capacity to the Sangamon County board and to this end the county clerk shall make available to the regional planning commission, for its consideration, a copy of all ordinances, resolutions, plans and other data relevant to capital improvements of any nature. The commission may report in its relationship thereto if it deems a report necessary or advisable or when specifically requested by the Sangamon County board, for consideration of the county board before final action on them is taken by the county board.
(Res. 3(part), October 6, 1987).

2.36.080 Executive policy board.

An executive policy board within the commission is established.

A. Membership. There is hereby created a seven member executive policy board of the regional planning commission, the membership designated as follows: chairman, Sangamon County board; mayor, city of Springfield; chairman, vice-chairman and secretary of the regional planning commission; one chief presiding officer representing the special units of government of the commission; one member of the commission at large.

B. Term. The term of appointment to the executive policy board of the chairman, vice-chairman and secretary of the commission, the chief presiding officer of the special unit of government, and the member at large shall be for one year and shall be elected annually by the commission. The term of appointment of the mayor of the city of Springfield and the chairman of the Sangamon County board shall be coterminous with the term of their elected office.

C. Meetings. The executive policy board shall meet at times to be established by the chairman of the commission. Every meeting of the executive policy board shall be open to the regional planning commission members and members of the public except as provided by law.

D. Functions. The functions of the executive policy board shall include, but not be limited to the following:

1. Shall prepare an annual budget in the same manner as other county departments;
2. Shall establish long-range goals, objectives, policies and priorities that will guide the implementing of programs for betterment of the people of the region;
3. Shall coordinate and arrange a framework for cooperative governmental actions in order to achieve the goals, plans and policies so established;
4. Shall review proposed capital projects and activities related to goals and objectives so that all local developments and public management actions are achieved in the most economical and beneficial manner;
5. May engage consultants it may require in accordance with approved budget;
6. Shall act on behalf of the regional planning commission between meetings; such actions may be ratified at a meeting of the full regional planning commission;
7. Shall appoint an executive director in accordance with the budget and with the concurrence of the Sangamon County board.
(Res. 3(part), October 6, 1987).

2.36.090 Plats officer--Powers and duties.

The executive director of the Springfield-Sangamon County regional planning commission or his designated representative is hereby appointed Sangamon County plats officer, with duties and responsibilities as outlined in Exhibit A, which is attached to the ordinance codified in this section and made a part hereof.
(Res. 4 §1, October 6, 1987).